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19 years in the SCNR for NURC: A recollection

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I joined the SCNR for NURC by January 1st 1980 and left it again by the end of 1998. This period, on which I will concentrate my talk, includes the toughest period of the "Cold War" up to 1989 and the period after, when money to NURC became sparse and new ways of funding had to be found. This presentation will emphasize some of the highlights in NURC's contributions to Underwater Acoustics, ASW, MCM and to engineering aspects of underwater research. These highlights include for instance towed arrays, underwater acoustic modelling, MILOC, the MCM and the REA programmes, time-reverse underwater acoustics, operations research and engineering of underwater instruments. These important contributions over 19 years were supervised by 10 chairmen of the SCNR and by 6 directors, all putting their special fingerprint, closely related to their personality, on the course of NURC's development. A few humoristic features and experiences from the 19 years will briefly be referred to.